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## Ten more hit by flu virus

**OUTBREAK** The province has announced 10 more mild cases of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, bringing the total number in Nova Scotia to 48 since the outbreak began April 26.

All of the new cases reported yesterday are within the Capital District Health Authority.

Two of the five cases reported Monday have been traced to the Annapolis Valley Health District Authority. One was an adult and the other was an elementary-aged student from Wolfville. As of now, there is no link between the two cases, the Health Promotion and Protection Department said in a release yesterday.

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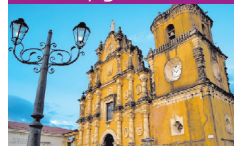
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Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil answers questions from reporters at Halifax Citadel-Sable Island candidate Gerry Walsh's headquarters yesterday. Premier Rodney MacDonald says Stephen McNeil and the Liberals will not be a factor in the June 9 election.

# 'Two-horse race'

Rodney MacDonald counts Grits out of election race

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The provincial election campaign kicked off yesterday between Rodney MacDonald's Conservatives, Darrell Dexter's NDP and ... 'what's his name'?

According to Premier MacDonald, Stephen McNeil and the Liberals will not be a factor in the election June 9.

"It's very well recognized across the province that this is a two-horse race between the NDP and ourselves," MacDonald told reporters yesterday after a Tory rally.

When asked who that is recognized by he explained,

**"It strikes me as such a funny thing (to say) because you end up alienating a whole group of voters."**

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter

"It's certainly my opinion and many others that I've spoke with."

A March poll actually placed the Liberals in second place, slightly ahead of the Tories. The Corporate Research Associates poll had the NDP at 36 per cent support, the Liberals at 31 and Tories at 30.

Once the margin of error of 3.5 per cent 19 times out of 20 was factored in, the Tories and Liberals were placed

in a dead heat.

This was brought up to MacDonald, but he said the Liberals would only be competitive in some seats and had no chance provincially. The Liberal leader begged to differ.

"We're the only party in recent time that is moving up in the polls. We are the party that Nova Scotians are turning to now in this economic crisis," McNeil said at a rally later in the day.

McNeil said past elections showed voters didn't support either of the other parties enough to give them a majority government.

The Liberals currently have nine seats in the legislature to the Tories' 21 and the NDP's 20.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said he totally disagreed with the premier's statement.

"It strikes me as such a funny thing (to say) because you end up alienating a whole group of voters," Dexter said.

"I take exactly the opposite view. I take the view that I have two very strong opponents."

Seals: 1  
Canada: 0

**TRADE** The European Parliament voted yesterday to ban imports of seal products, a step that may ignite a trade dispute with Canada.

Canada's East Coast seal hunt is the largest of its kind in the world, with an average annual kill of about 300,000

harp seals.

It exported around

\$5.5 million worth of seal products such as pelts, meat, and oils to the EU in 2006.

The ban has caused a backlash on Parliament Hill with MPs of all stripes condemning the move. The House of Commons last night held a special debate on the issue.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said government lawyers are studying the ban before going ahead with a challenge at the World Trade Organization.

Animal welfare activists rejoiced, saying the vote was a significant step toward ending the Canadian seal hunt. "We're absolutely thrilled," said Rebecca Aldworth, a spokeswoman for the Canadian branch of the Humane Society International who attended the vote in Strasbourg, France.

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The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board has created a special budget team to find \$3.1 million in cuts for next year's budget, despite a promised increase in funding of \$5.8 million. The school board is facing a decline in enrolment of about 600 students next year. **CAPE BRETON POST**

# Local



## Bon Jovi to play Magnetic Hill

Tickets to go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. as Bon Jovi will headline Magnetic Hill Music Festival — Summer Kick-Off Saturday, June 27, in Moncton, N.B. Other acts include Canadian rock legends Randy Bachman and Burton Cummings and State of Shock. Tickets are \$99.50, plus taxes and service charges. Tickets can be purchased at [tickets.moncton.ca](http://tickets.moncton.ca) or by phone at 1-866-720-5600. **METRO HALIFAX**

## What makes a deficit?

Even Tories themselves seem confused on budget term

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**Rodney MacDonald insists his budgets are balanced, but members of his own party have been quoted disagreeing with him.**

The Progressive Conservatives were defeated after failing to change finance laws that would have let them take offshore money from 2005 and spend it today. That leaves this year's and last year's budgets with multimillion-dollar shortfalls that finance officials and at least two ministers have confirmed would be a deficit.

"Until that act is changed, that provincial finance act is changed, yes the budget would be in deficit," Finance Minister Jamie Muir said on Monday.

Government house leader Cecil Clarke also confirmed to reporters last week that the budgets would "technically" be in deficit unless the law change is passed.



Premier Rodney MacDonald speaks at a rally at the Prince George hotel in downtown Halifax yesterday.

### Election date set

• A provincial election date was officially set for June 9 yesterday morning after Premier Rodney MacDonald met with Nova Scotia Lt.-Gov.

Mayann Francis, who dissolved the legislature one day after the governing Conservatives were defeated on a financial bill.

the books of the province."

But when reporters pointed out the legislation was not passed, he did not accept that this meant the budgets were in deficit.

MacDonald finally closed

the discussion by saying "I'm not going to get into an argument with you guys. That is the case."

A lump sum of several years' worth of offshore off-set money was given to the province in 2005 and put on the debt by John Hamm. MacDonald wants to re-borrow this and last year's shares of that money to balance the budgets.

Without that money, there is a \$260 million shortfall over the two years.

## Odd campaign song choices

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**ELECTION** It might be wise to Google a song's lyrics before using it as a campaign anthem.

Yesterday the Progressive Conservative candidates clapped and danced to the Eiffel 65 song Blue, apparently unaware the song is about a chronically depressed man.

"Everything is blue for him and himself and everybody around, 'cause he ain't got nobody to listen," sang the Italian one-hit wonders as Conservatives cheered.

When the ironic lyrics were brought up later to Justice Minister Cecil Clarke he explained "well, we're blue because the opposition forced an election."

• **Not to be outdone**

That left speculation about what the Liberals' song choice would be.

Red Red Wine? Lady in

Red? Perhaps 99 Red Balloons?

No, they went with a repetitive dancy tune called Absolutely Everybody by Vanessa Amorosi. Choice lyrics: "Everybody needs a hand to hold. Someone to cling to when the nights are getting cold. I'm no different, I'm just the same, a player in the game."

The NDP reportedly had no songs at their campaign kickoff.

• **Time not on our side**

The term "reportedly" is used above because like several other Halifax media outlets, Metro didn't get to the NDP rally yesterday. The NDP ended up scheduling its rally at roughly the same time as the Tories, only in Middle Sackville instead of downtown Halifax.

An unconfirmed rumour has it the Tories said they'd be holding their rally earlier in the day but changed the time.

## Minister Taylor stepping away from politics after 18 years

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**TORY** The longest-serving Progressive Conservative caucus member will not be running again in the spring election.

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Brooke Taylor is calling it quits after 18 years in politics.

"It's been a great time, a good ride and I'm just stepping back. I'm not saying that I wouldn't offer again at another time, but it's not likely that would happen," Taylor said.

Taylor was elected as a member of the legislative assembly in November of 1993. Before that he was a municipal Halifax councillor for two years from October 1991. He went on to serve as minister of agri-

culture before taking the portfolio of transportation and infrastructure renewal.

"It's a good run I think by anybody's measure of public service life," he said.

Taylor was an early supporter of Rodney MacDonald's leadership campaign. Yesterday the premier praised Taylor as an outstanding MLA and minister.

"He's also someone that brings a smile to a lot of faces because he usually has a funny comment or two either out in the public eye or behind the scenes," MacDonald said.

Stewiacke Mayor Dereck Rhoddy announced yesterday afternoon he was seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination in Taylor's riding of Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.



Brooke Taylor

## Mixed reactions to election call

HILARY BEAUMONT  
for Metro Halifax

**VOTERS** Nova Scotians were talking politics on the streets of Halifax yesterday after a provincial election was announced for June 9.

Barbara Webster voiced her opinion while waiting for her late morning bus on Barrington Street. Squished beside her on the bench, friends declined to comment, but Webster had words for the province's politicians.

"I think it's a good time for an election and I think it's time for a change, I really do," she said.

She thinks the three party leaders — Conservative Leader and Premier Rodney MacDonald, NDP Leader Darrell Dexter and Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil — should focus on the biggest issue right now: the economy.

"We're in such an economic situation right now that I think really it's going to be how Nova Scotia will



NDP Leader Darrell Dexter is hoping the voters are ready for a change in government.

benefit rather than such issues that are always on the table such as health care and education and fixing the potholes in the road," she said.

Jean Lalancette turned his cab onto Barrington Street later that morning. His son turns 18 on June 18, just nine days after Nova Scotians will elect a new government.

"He's all disappointed the elections are too early for him," Lalancette said. "When we were listening to the radio this morning, he

just went 'Aah! Only nine days and I'd have been able to vote.'"

Lalancette said he's happy he inspired his son to want to vote because he said young people are often apathetic about politics.

"I've done my job," he said proudly.

Jeff MacDonald, while smoking outside Scotia Square Mall, admitted he's an apathetic young person.

"I probably won't even vote," he said. "I'm a slacker. I don't pay much attention to politics at all."

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## Local selected as winner in poem contest

Halifax's Matt Robinson is one of two winners of The Malahat Review 2009 Long Poem Prize for his work *Against the Hard Angle*. The award from the Canadian literary magazine gives \$500 to each winner. Robinson was chosen from over 175 entries. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Schools back to business after fights, arrests: Board

HILARY BEAUMONT  
for Metro Halifax

**ARRESTS** All was quiet at Cole Harbour High School and Auburn Drive High School yesterday, according to Doug Hadley of the Halifax Regional School Board.

"It was explained to me that people went about their business," Hadley said late yesterday.

Police arrested three teenagers Monday at Cole Harbour High following a series of fights at the school after someone pulled the fire alarm. On Friday at Auburn Drive, 14 people were arrested after several fights occurred on the school grounds, again after a fire alarm was pulled. Hadley estimated 12 suspensions will be handed out to students at each of the schools because of the incidents, but nothing has been finalized.

On Monday, Auburn students and staff were given the day off. Hadley said there was no additional police presence at either school yesterday, but two extra teachers were called in to patrol the hallways.

Two other Halifax area schools were anything but quiet yesterday. Around



Police officers walk in front of Cole Harbour high school after breaking up fights at the school on Monday.

1:10 p.m. Hadley said someone pulled the fire alarm at the P-Ross Road School in Westphal.

"There was a fight at the lunch hour between two students, they don't know if it was related to that or not," Hadley said.

Two fire alarms also rang through Graham Creighton Junior High School at 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., he said.

"We believe people are doing this because they believe misguidedly that it will give them either time off of school or if they're looking to cause and issue that they'll have an opportunity to do that," Hadley said.

## HRMByDesign under fire

### Citizens voice concerns on downtown development plan

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE  
for Metro Halifax

**Denault Blouin says he moved to Halifax about 28 years ago "because it was and still is a small, personal and beautiful city." And he wants to keep it that way.**

That's why he wants the municipality to make its urban design plan more environmentally friendly before it's passed by city council.

Blouin was just one of many concerned citizens who stood up last night at city hall to share his views on HRMByDesign, a 25-year vision for Halifax's beloved downtown.

"Halifax has become a global model for recycling," the Tupper Grove resident told the municipal politicians and community members who filled council chambers. "Please now add to that distinction by suspending HRMByDesign in order to redesign it to make Halifax an authentically green city."

Blouin also pointed out that "tourists do not come to see Scotia Square," but rather for the beauty of its heritage buildings, which he called "models of sustainability."



Downtown Halifax is seen in this photo taken yesterday. Public hearings on the HRMByDesign plan began last night and will continue through the rest of the week.

Ronald Colman, executive director of Genuine Progress Index Atlantic, agreed Halifax Regional Municipality has more work to do. He said the city needs to complete its plans for sustainability, transportation and energy, "all which are underway," before moving ahead with HRMByDesign.

Peggy Cameron of Help Save the View from Citadel Hill, however, made it

clear her group's against the plan.

She called HRMByDesign "a well-greased machine" that will get rid of height restrictions on buildings near the world-renowned historic site. But Andy Fillmore, the city's urban design project manager, said HRMByDesign will "reduce building heights," in the area with the exception of two tall towers that would be built as part of the new

convention centre.

Halifax Chamber of Commerce president Valerie Payn said HRMByDesign will breathe new life into the city.

"Downtown Halifax is dying," she said. "As leaders, you must do what you believe is best for HRM in the long-term, by voting 'yes.'"

Public presentations were expected to continue over the next three days.

## Police investigating possible house arson

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE  
for Metro Halifax

**FIRE** The fishy house fire sparked during last week's devastating forest fire has been identified as 36 Aarons Way in Fergusons Cove, police and fire officials confirmed yesterday. "There was extensive damage on the interior of the residence, but the surrounding forest fire did not reach the house," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian

Palmeter said of the suspicious blaze.

The house wasn't destroyed, although eight did burn down during the forest fire that started Thursday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service spokesman Mike LeRue said fire investigators turned the file over to police when they "determined it was arson."

LeRue said there was still one fire truck from the city helping out yesterday in the ravaged Spryfield,

Purcells Cove and Fergusons Cove area.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Gavin said there were also 26 firefighters with the Natural Resources Department still on the ground, who found a few hot spots Monday. She said the department was planning to fly a helicopter yesterday to look for any flare-ups from the sky.

Fire investigators are still trying to find out what caused the fast-moving blaze, which covered 830 hectares.

## RCMP link body to 40-year-old cold case

**CRIME** The discovery of a body in the Lansdowne area on Saturday may shed some answers on a 40-year-old mystery.

Pictou County RCMP are linking the body to a case in the 1960s, but they aren't revealing any details on what case yet. RCMP Cpl. Andrew Joyce did say if it's the case they believe, foul play or murder is not

suspected.

"The case we're linking it to is not a criminal case," Joyce said. "If in fact it is tied in to that, we don't believe it to be a murder. But we can't close off any avenues right now."

The evidence pointed to the connection with the 1960 case, Joyce said, but did not go in to any specifics. Forestry workers

who were planting trees near the Russell Lake Road found the body Saturday evening. The body wasn't buried, but was partially covered with foliage.

Mounties were called to the scene, where it was determined that the remains were human and had been in the spot for an extended period of time.

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## Honouring Nova Scotia moms

Rita MacNeil set to play Mother's Day gig at Rebecca Cohn

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for Metro Halifax

Whether you're a grandmother, mother, daughter — or all three — Rita MacNeil hopes to see women of all generations in the audience at her annual Mother's Day gig Monday in Halifax.

"It's a reflective time for a lot of people, thinking about their mothers," she said yesterday from her Big Pond home of why she enjoys celebrating the day honouring moms by singing her way across the Maritimes.

"I'm going to places that I really enjoy going to and certainly Halifax is top of the list," she said, adding Dalhousie University's Rebecca Cohn Auditorium "was one of the first concert halls I performed in many years ago."

Performing songs from her 2006 release also gives MacNeil the chance to remember her own mother, who died of cancer in 1972. She sang Green Green Grass by Carly Putnam to her mother while she was in hospital, while tracks such as North to Alaska by Mike Phillips are poignant reminders of growing up in



Cape Breton singing legend Rita MacNeil is performing her popular Mother's Day concert Monday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 7 p.m.

### MacNeil show

• Rita MacNeil performs at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium Monday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$42.50 and are available by calling 494-3820 or at [artscentre.dal.ca](http://artscentre.dal.ca)

Cape Breton.

"She was a great believer in everything that I tried to do," MacNeil said of her mom. "She was certainly a big inspiration in my life."

MacNeil adds on her website when she was a

child her parents often asked her to serenade them with their favourite songs. "I was often reluctant, but with a little coaxing I would oblige," she writes. "I had to sing out of their view, so the hallway

was a good place to go."

She said she'll also be singing fun tunes from her 2008 children's album, *Pocket Full of Dreams*, making for a special concert appealing to all age groups. She and her four accompanying musicians "put a lot of heart into" the special show, MacNeil said.

Her Mother's Day Concert Series kicks off in Summerside, P.E.I., this Saturday and wraps up in Liverpool next Tuesday.

Visit with Pope hits home for band chief

**VATICAN** Ready to forgive and heal is how Terry Paul describes himself following a spiritually moving visit to Vatican City.

Paul recently travelled to the Vatican to meet with Pope Benedict XVI as part of a delegation of former native Canadians who were victims of abuse in church-run schools. In the meeting, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church offered his sympathies.

"It was a fantastic experience. I felt that he was very sincere," said the elected band chief of the First Nation reserve Membertou.

Phil Fontaine, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, was one of the few from the delegation to meet privately with the Pope. Afterwards, Fontaine offered advice to the group.

"I take to heart what he had to say to us and that was 'in order to heal, you have to forgive' and that is what I felt I did. We are no longer going to look at ourselves as victims and start to live, but we need the co-operation of all levels of government and from the people in this country."

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## Emera Q1 earnings down from '08

**DROP** Emera Inc. saw its net earnings fall by \$6.6 million in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the same point last year.

Emera, the Halifax-based owner of Nova Scotia Power and other energy assets, brought in \$62.8 million for the first three months of 2009, down from \$69.4 million from the first quarter of 2008.

The company said yesterday the drop in earnings is based on the effect of mar-

ket-to-market accounting adjustments.

Earnings per share also fell for Emera from \$0.62 to \$0.56, excluding the market-to-market adjustments.

"We are pleased with our strong results in this quarter," Chris Huskison, president and CEO of Emera, said in a release.

"In addition, our new strategic partnership with Algonquin and the acquisition of development rights

for the Nuttby Mountain wind farm position Emera to increase our investment in renewable energy."

The release also said the earnings for NSP in the first quarter of 2009 was \$52.5 million, down from \$57.9 million from the first three months of 2008.

The company blames the decrease to higher fuel costs somewhat offset by the rate increase set on Jan. 1.

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## Local researchers selected for Cancer Society grants

**FUNDING** Three Nova Scotia researchers have been awarded research grants totalling \$1.5 million by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Dr. Louise Parker is receiving \$575,000 over three years for a study on arsenic in the province's drinking water.

Dr. Jean Marshall is getting \$567,000 over five years to study how "mast" cells can encourage immune cells to fight tumours, and other proper-

ties of mast cells may prevent tumours from growing.

Also, Dr. David Waisman is receiving \$382,000 over three years to investigate how a specific protein in tumour cells may be implicated in the deadly spread of cancers.

The grants were selected after a national application and review process. In total, the CCS announced 71 grants across the country.

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### News in brief

**COURT** Provincial Crown prosecutors are in court this week seeking an adult sentence for a youth who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of an Inverness man in 2007.

Crown attorney Diane McGrath said prosecutors expect to present evidence until tomorrow seeking to have the youth — who can't be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act — sentenced as an adult in the death of 70-year-old Ivan Rorison. The hearing is scheduled for five days this week in provincial court in Port Hawkesbury.

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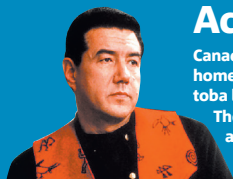


## Canadian reps to probe facility collapse

Representatives from a Saskatoon company that built the Dallas Cowboys practice facility are in Texas this week following a structural collapse that injured a dozen people. Some 70 players, coaches, media and others were inside. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**



# Canada



## Actor to host flood fundraising concert

Canadian actor and musician Tom Jackson is taking to the mic to help out his former hometown of Winnipeg in the wake of the flood that devastated much of southern Manitoba last month. Jackson is staging a flood fundraising concert May 13 at the MTS Centre. The event, Rise Again 2009: The Red Cross Manitoba Flood Relief Concert, will feature artists such as Tom Cochrane, Deborah Cox, JD Fortune, as well as local talent.

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## Liberals lead in new poll

**POLITICS** The federal Liberals are ahead of the ruling Conservatives and have enough support to give them a chance of winning a minority government, according to a new poll released yesterday.

The Harris-Decima survey for Canadian Press put the Liberals at 34 per cent support, up two points from a poll carried out last month by the same firm. The Conservatives stayed at 29 per cent. The poll was the third in the last few days to show the Liberals ahead of the Tories.

The federal Conservatives have a minority government and can be brought down if all three opposition parties unite on a confidence vote in Parliament. **REUTERS**

## Russia to order out NATO envoys

**DIPLOMACY** Russia will order out two Canadian NATO envoys today in response to the alliance's expulsion of two Russian diplomats, Interfax news agency quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry official as saying yesterday.

Isabelle Francois, the director of NATO's Information Bureau in the Russian capital, along with a colleague from her office will be stripped of their diplomatic accreditations immediately, Interfax reported. **REUTERS**

## Flaherty open to EI options

Finance minister says Tories listening to opposition's ideas

**Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is leaving the door open to improve Employment Insurance (EI) to avoid being forced into an election by the opposition parties in Parliament.**

"The opposition parties have some suggestions about what they would consider to be additional improvements to the (EI) system and of course we're listening to what they had to say," Flaherty told reporters.

Liberal Leader Michael

Ignatieff is threatening to try to force an election in June if the minority government refuses to improve eligibility requirements so that more laid-off workers can access EI payments. And the New Democrats and Bloc Quebecois are demanding action to beef up EI during the economic crisis.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has so far deflected these demands, saying Canada has "a very generous system of employment

insurance" that was improved in the last budget. The budget extended the EI benefits period by five weeks and allocated money for additional training programs.

But sources say the Conservatives are considering further improvements to the program.

Flaherty laughed when it was pointed out that even his wife — Ontario MPP Christine Elliott — says more needs to be done fix the EI system.

Elliott complained that many people who lose a job cannot qualify for EI under current rules.

Flaherty responded by saying: "There are going to be times when, as elected officials, Christine and I have different policy positions — that is to be expected. This is 2009; this is not 1909. We are emancipated people, and she will think through her own policy positions. I don't expect we will always agree."

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### News in brief

**DEATH** An RCMP officer is dead after his patrol car was involved in a two-vehicle crash near Millet, Alta. south of Edmonton, yesterday morning. Const. James Lundblad was killed when his marked patrol car was involved in a grain truck crash around 10 a.m.

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**LABOUR** Workers in 300 regulated occupations will find it easier under a new provincial law to move in and out of Ontario for employment, the Liberal government says. The legislation follows an agreement signed by provincial premiers in January to dismantle provincial barriers to labour mobility.

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## Prague Day reckons with pork ban



Trade Minister Stockwell Day speaks ahead of the Canada-European Union Summit in Prague, Czech Republic, yesterday. Day said China's ban on Alberta pork in reaction to the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is "disappointing and unwarranted."

## U.S. protectionism still an issue: Canadian firm

**TRADE** A Canadian company landed a contract to supply plastic piping for a new health-care centre at the Camp Pendleton Marine base in California.

But the piping is now being ripped out of the ground. Why? Because the pipes are branded with the words Made-in-Canada.

"Camp Pendleton is a perfect example of how an excellent product, a brand new product, is going to be pulled out of the ground and be replaced by an American-made product," said Veso Sobot, spokesperson for IPEX Inc.

The stakes for Canada's economy are huge. More than \$90 billion US has been earmarked for spending on roads, bridges and

### Clause

• The problem is that much of the \$90 billion US is being spent at levels where NAFTA provisions do not override the Buy America clause. Canadian firms may find it very difficult to bid successfully, says Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters president Jayson Myers.

other infrastructure in the United States.

"Many Canadians believe the issue" of American protectionism "was settled when the U.S. president came into Canada back in February and made assurances that all is well. But it's not," Sobot said.

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Archeologists have found a nearly 5,000-year-old tomb near Egypt's mud brick Lahun pyramid, in a sign that the site held religious significance a millennium before previously thought. At left, archeologist Abdul Rahman Ayedi brushes off dust on vessels in the Second Pharaonic Dynasty-era tomb. **REUTERS**

**New tomb uncovered at Egypt's Lahun pyramid**

# World



## Women in Pope's guard?

After more than five centuries protecting popes, the Swiss Guard may consider opening the ranks of the world's smallest army to women, its commander said yesterday. The guard currently numbers around 110 Catholic men between 19 and 30 years old. Clad in flamboyant striped uniforms, the guard's role is largely ceremonial. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**AFGHANISTAN** Villagers brought truckloads of bodies to Herat yesterday to prove that scores of civilians had been killed by U.S. air strikes in a battle with the Taliban. The governor of Farah province

said about 30 bodies had been trucked to his office. Other officials said the civilian death toll may have been much higher. U.S. forces confirmed a battle had taken place with air strikes and said they were investigat-

ing reports of civilian casualties.

**ATHENS** A Greek court ruled the country's first homosexual weddings, celebrated last year, were invalid, the couples'

lawyer said yesterday. The gay and lesbian couples wed in defiance of threats of criminal charges, saying they took advantage of a loophole in Greek law, which does not specify gender in matrimony. **REUTERS**

## 44 killed over wedding feud

Gunmen in Turkey attack party

**Masked men armed with assault rifles and grenades killed 44 people at a wedding party in southeast Turkey in a blood feud between families over who should marry the bride, authorities said.**

The bride and her groom were killed in Monday's attack in Bilge, a village in the conservative heartland of mainly Kurdish southeast Turkey.

"Eight people have been caught and detained, and their weapons confiscated. This can be understood as a blood feud between two families," Interior Minister Besir Atalay said.

The suspected gunmen and many of the victims bore the same family name, Atalay said. The Celebi family had been at odds with each other over land, membership of state-

### Family rivalries

• Marriages in Turkey's conservative southeast can spark rivalry between clans, as the groom and his family must often pay some kind of prize to the bride's family, and sometimes the highest bidder wins.

sponsored village guards, and more recently over the bride, local residents said.

The attack was sparked by revenge from one part of the Celebi family, unhappy a son had been passed over for a groom from another family in Diyarbakir, residents said.

The state news agency quoted witnesses as saying up to six attackers stormed two houses where guests had gathered for prayers after the wedding. **REUTERS**

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Belgian students repatriated from Mexico pose with a sombrero and surgical masks at Brussels Airport yesterday. About 100 European students on internship in Mexico were repatriated because of the the influenza A (H1N1) virus.

## Mexico repatriates citizens held in China over flu fears

**ILLNESS** Mexico yesterday began repatriating dozens of its citizens quarantined in China due to fears of a new flu virus.

An Aeromexico plane arrived in Beijing yesterday to pick up Mexican nationals after taking on dozens in Shanghai.

None of the 70 or so Mexicans quarantined in China have shown symptoms of the influenza A (H1N1) flu, also known as swine flu. They had been caught up in a drama about how far govern-

ments can go to stifle fears of spreading the virus.

Xinhua reported that a Chinese chartered flight had collected 79 Chinese nationals in Mexico City before heading to Tijuana, where it was expected to pick up 20 more. China has suspended direct flights to Mexico.

The epidemic appears to be waning in Mexico, but a Texas woman was declared yesterday to have died from the illness last week, marking the second death outside Mexico. **REUTERS**



**Afghanistan's lone pig put into quarantine**

Afghanistan's only known pig has been locked in a room, away from visitors to Kabul Zoo, because of public worries over swine flu. **REUTERS**

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# Oil firm seizure OK'd

## Venezuela approves action after debt dispute

**Venezuela's Congress yesterday gave initial approval for state seizure of a group of oil service companies, upping the ante in a months-long dispute over billions of dollars in unpaid debts.**

The legislation would extend President Hugo Chavez's control over the OPEC nation's oil industry as state oil firm PDVSA struggles amid the drop of crude prices from highs near \$150 per barrel last year.

It could directly affect natural gas producer and pipeline company Williams Companies Inc., majority owner of a gas compression facility in Venezuela, which in April reported a \$241-million charge related to nonpayment by PDVSA.

The law puts the state in charge of companies providing a range of services previously operated by PDVSA but later contracted out to third parties.

It would let the govern-

ment expropriate companies and compensate firms with bonds instead of cash, order takeovers of service company assets while courts settle disputes and could even annul existing contracts.

The move appears targeted at specific service companies that have been hampered by severe cash flow problems due to lack of payment by PDVSA, which last year owed some \$8 billion to contractors and providers. **REUTERS**

## Somalia Children at risk



A woman holds her malnourished child at the Banaadir Hospital in the Somali capital of Mogadishu yesterday. Thousands of Somalis are suffering from malnutrition, lack of clean water and poor sanitation conditions, putting children at particularly high risk, a UN report says.

## Binge-drinking among U.K. women increasing: Study

**HEALTH** More British women are binge-drinking and while fewer children are drinking, those who do are guzzling more, according to research to be published today.

Perhaps surprisingly, young men are consuming less than they were, the study found.

The report by Oxford Brookes University examined evidence on drinking trends from the last 20 to 30 years. It found there was now heavier drinking among middle-aged and older groups, particularly wealthier subjects, while consumption among those

in the 16- to 24-year-old age group had declined.

However, the number of women who binge-drink had almost doubled to 15 per cent between 1998 and 2006, although women were still less likely to drink than men, and were also likely to consume less.

Britain has long had a problem with people consuming alcohol to excess, which is blamed for rises in anti-social behaviour and violence. The government says that alcohol-related injuries and illnesses cost the state around 2.7 billion pounds (\$4.8 billion) a year. **REUTERS**

## U.S. pushes Israel on Palestinian state, settlements

**WASHINGTON** The U.S. stepped up pressure on Israel's new right-leaning government yesterday to accept the goal of a Palestinian state and halt expansion of Jewish settlements on occupied land.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has so far shied away from publicly supporting a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, an omission that has dismayed U.S., Arab and European officials.

"Israel has to work for a two state-solution — you're not going to like my saying this — but not build more settlements, dismantle existing outposts and allow Palestinians freedom of movement ... and access to economic opportunity," U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden said in a speech to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the leading U.S. pro-Israel lobby. **REUTERS**

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## News in brief

**RUSSIA** Georgia said it put down a mutiny at a military base yesterday and accused Moscow of trying to foment a wider rebellion on the eve of NATO war games in the former Soviet republic, a claim Russia

denied. Around 30 tanks and armoured personnel carriers entered the Mukhrovani tank base 19 kilometres from Tbilisi about three hours after news broke of a military uprising. **REUTERS**

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

# Making each vote count

Proportional representation on ballot during B.C. election

## TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

metronews.ca/thewestview

Fans of democracy will be watching Tuesday's B.C. election, and not just because they're wondering if Gordon Campbell can make it a three-peat.

If you've ever complained your vote doesn't count, you should be watching the results May 12 because, for the second time in four years, B.C. voters will be asked to decide if they want to count their votes differently: The Single Transferable Vote (STV) to replace the current first-past-the-post system.

No, it's not a four-wheel drive vehicle or a sexually transmitted disease. It's a citizen assembly's best idea for making each vote count, and it gets points for

sincerity, if not effectiveness.

The current system, universally in place at the provincial and federal level, is the blunt instrument of representation by population: The candidate with the most votes wins. Everybody else comes last. This has come to mean we get powerful governments who can rule for years even if they're elected by less than 50 per cent of eligible voters. And people who vote NDP and Green routinely have to be satisfied with chaining themselves to a tree in order to influence events in the capital.

STV is supposed to change all that. If it passes (it fell two per cent short of the 60 per cent required last time around) in 2013, the

province will have 20 electoral districts instead of 85 ridings, with two to seven MLAs representing those districts in Victoria. Instead of marking an X on our ballots, we'll list the candidates in order of preference. If there aren't enough votes to elect someone, then the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated, and fractions of the votes are distributed among the remaining candidates, based on a complicated formula requiring 12-year-old nerds with computers. (Well, they don't have to be 12, but it helps.)

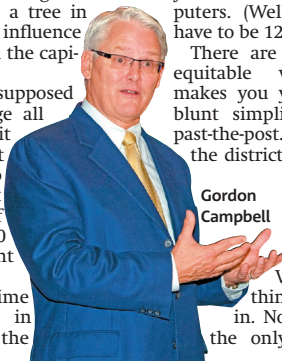
There are so many inequitable variables, it makes you yearn for the blunt simplicity of first-past-the-post. The size of the districts, the populations, the number of representatives, the sun in Virgo — everything gets thrown in. Not to mention the only places STV

now operates are Malta, Tasmania and Ireland, which would all fit comfortably into the proposed Northwest region electoral district, which is a staggering 372,000 square kilometres, so it's completely untested in a typical Canadian context (too few people, too much tundra).

It didn't make it last time, and it doesn't look likely this time, which is too bad considering all the work and conviction put into it. But there are other forms of proportional representation that look promising, including mixed-member pro-rep, which was chosen in New Zealand over STV by a majority of voters.

Democracy is flawed, but precious, so let's keep working on it. But let's not forget what we're messing with here: Our freedom. And it's not just another word for nothing left to lose. At least not yet.

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Gordon Campbell elected representatives, the sun in Virgo — everything gets thrown in. Not to mention the only places STV



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## Worth mentioning

# Schwarzenegger welcomes debate over legalizing pot

**MARIJUANA** California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said yesterday he welcomes a public debate on proposals to legalize and tax marijuana, which some suggest could provide a lucrative new revenue source for the cash-strapped state.

The Republican governor, whose term in office expires at the end of next year, was asked about the idea of treating pot like alcohol at an appearance in northern California to promote wildfire preparedness.

"No, I don't think it's time for that, but I think it's time for a debate," he said. "And I think we ought to study very carefully what other countries are doing that have legalized marijuana and other drugs, what

effect it had on those countries, and are they happy with that decision."

The former Hollywood actor, who has admitted smoking marijuana in the past, cited his native Austria as a country where "they want to roll back some of the decisions that were made in European countries."

He said a decision to legalize marijuana, which has been outlawed in the United States since 1937, should not be made on the basis of raising revenues alone.

Schwarzenegger's comments come days after a statewide Field Poll found that 56 per cent of California voters support the idea of legalizing cannabis for recreational use and taxing its proceeds.

REUTERS

## Word on the street: What's your opinion on media coverage of influenza A (H1N1), formerly known as swine flu?

**Leisha Scanlan**

age 23, Halifax

A: They seem to be hyperactive on covering it and they're kind of making it more pandemic than it is.

**Rick Smith**

age 40, Eastern Shore

A: I hope we're not taking it too seriously, but I think it's great someone seems to be on top of it letting us know what's happening.

**Debra Little**

age 48, Toronto

A: I think they're not doing a bad job actually. I think people need to know what's going on ... it could turn into something quite deadly quite quickly.

**Sebastian Major**

age 24, Ottawa

A: It's blown out of proportion. I lived in Toronto during the whole SARS crisis and there's a lot of scare tactics that went on then.

**Alexandra Loslier**

age 24, Vancouver

A: I actually just got back from Mexico. The media has sensationalized the issue more than necessary.

**Mike Desilets**

age 39, Calgary

A: I think it's a little bit overblown. We have seen these kinds of pandemics raised before and they've just always been precautionary in their nature.



## Metro Online Poll Results

10% SAID YES

Has the influenza A (swine flu) scare made you less likely to eat pork?

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90% SAID NO

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**French fashion website to let customers set prices**

A French fashion website plans to let customers pay what they want for 10,000 goods during a four-day promotion it billed as an "anti-recession formula." The website, brandalley.fr, will offer clothes, shoes, handbags and other accessories from May 6 to 10 at a base price of one euro. **REUTERS**



# Business

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WestJet **Exceeding expectations**



WestJet Airlines president and CEO Sean Durfy smiles by the firm's corporate headquarters in Calgary yesterday. WestJet reported yesterday that its first-quarter earnings fell to \$37.4 million, beating market forecasts, and said it expected to emerge stronger than ever from a global travel slowdown.

## Incoming text fee

Rogers to charge 15 cents for messages

**Rogers Communications Inc. will begin charging wireless subscribers 15 cents for each incoming text message received on cellphones despite watching federal politicians berate its rivals for implementing similar charges last summer.**

Liz Hamilton, a spokesperson for Rogers Wireless, said yesterday the new charges would take effect July 7 for customers who don't subscribe to a text-messaging plan. The company's discount Fido brand is unaffected by the new policy, she said.

Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. announced last July that they would charge 15 cents for each incoming text message, a move that prompted a backlash from consumers

and some politicians.

Then-industry minister Jim Prentice ultimately decided the government would not pursue legislation against the carriers, but that didn't stop Prime Minister Stephen Harper from promising during the fall election campaign to outlaw charges for unsolicited commercial text messages, also known as spam.

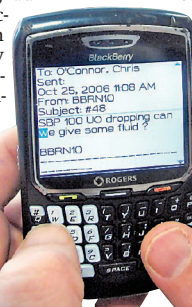
Such measures never came to pass.

The policy for spam

at both Telus and Bell is to reimburse customers who receive unsolicited text messages from advertisers.

Rogers subscribers charged for spam are asked to forward the messages to SPAM (7726) so they can get a credit, Hamilton said.

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## Condo crash unlikely despite glut: Reports

**HOMES** While condo unit supply is now outpacing demand, likely due to overbuilding and downward pressure on prices, the risk of developing a broad reversal in prices is low, Scotiabank and TD Bank have said in separate studies.

There is concern among many homeowners and would-be purchasers that the market is headed for an '80s-style glut that once destroyed equity in condominiums by 40 per cent.

"More condo apartments will come onto the market ... than can likely be absorbed,"

Pascal Gauthier, TD Bank economist

But both Gauthier and Scotiabank economist Adrienne Warren believe a crash similar to that of the United States is likely not in the cards. They add that the Canadian housing market is holding up better

than expected, thanks to historically low mortgage rates, greater affordability and increased supply.

While there is consensus that oversupply is an issue, this will be mitigated by an increasing number of pre-construction project cancellations, Warren said. And when projects are cancelled, a displaced pool of buyers is turned back into the market.

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## Loblaw's profit jumps on food price inflation

**GROCERY** Loblaw Companies posted a 73 per cent jump in first-quarter profit yesterday as it benefited from rising food price inflation and an extra week of sales, sending its shares up more than five per cent.

Canada's biggest grocery store chain earned \$109 million, or 40 cents a share, for the quarter ended

March 28, up from a profit \$63 million, or 23 cents a share, for the same time last year.

Revenue rose 2.9 per cent to \$6.72 billion.

The company made

gains on higher food prices as well as a recession-driven shift in consumer trends toward simpler, less expensive meals and away from restaurant visits and high-end goods. **REUTERS**

## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

**Tourism body lauds convention centre plans:**

The Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia is applauding the recent announcement made by the province and HRM to move forward with a new convention centre for Halifax. Recent research indicates that 62 per cent of visitors combine leisure travel with their business travel, which offers opportunities for rural communities in Nova Scotia to capture this market.

**Mediator requested to find home for ferry:**

The Municipality of Pictou County is asking that a mediator be appointed to help find a home for the Pictou Island ferry.

**Truro approves deed transfer tax increase:**

Truro is following the Municipality of Colchester County's lead in phasing in a deed transfer tax increase. Truro councillors voted five to one in favour of the change on Monday.

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## Business in brief

**AUTO** U.S. President Barack Obama and Democratic lawmakers reached an agreement yesterday on proposed legislation to fight climate change by encouraging owners of less fuel-efficient cars to trade them in for cars that use

less gasoline, lawmakers said. **GAS** MGM Energy Corp. said yesterday it has pushed back spending on its northern Canadian exploration, blaming regulatory delays that have stalled a \$16.2-billion gas pipeline.

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# Sports

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## Pronger, Ott dirtiest: Poll

Chris Pronger, left, and Steve Ott, right, are the dirtiest players in the NHL, according to a Sports Illustrated poll of fellow players. The survey of 324 players that appears in this week's issue has Anaheim defenceman Pronger and Dallas forward Ott in a tie, each chosen by 13 per cent of their peers. Jarkko Ruutu of the Ottawa Senators was third at 12 per cent.

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## Canucks take Chicago

Stanley Cup  
2009 Playoffs

Roberto Luongo stopped 23 shots to help the Vancouver Canucks to a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinals at United Center.

Mason Raymond, Steve Bernier and Henrik Sedin each had a goal for the Canucks, who now hold a 2-1 lead in this best-of-seven series. Alex Edler chipped in two assists in the win.

Brian Campbell scored the lone goal, while Nikolai Khabibulin was charged with three goals on 21 shots for the Blackhawks, who will host Game 4 tomorrow.



Roberto Luongo makes a save on the Blackhawks last night.

The Canucks got the only goal of the first period and it came off the stick of Raymond.

A clear attempt was kept in the zone by Kevin Bieksa along the right boards.

He sent a pass over to Ryan Kesler who, from the

inside right circle, winged it over to the left side for the easy slam by Raymond with 4:26 left in the frame.

Luongo needed to make just seven saves in the first period to keep Chicago off the board.

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## NBA Who wants to guard LeBron James?



Atlanta's Marvin Williams steals the ball from LeBron James last night. James scored 34 points as the Cavs won 99-72 to take a 1-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series. For a recap of the Mavericks/Nuggets game, visit metronews.ca/sports.

### Sports in brief

**UFC** Middleweights Jason (The Athlete) MacDonald and David (The Crow) Loiseau, two of the most experienced Canadian fighters in the UFC, have been cut by the mixed martial arts organization. Fellow Canadian

185-pounder Jason (Dooms) Day has also been released, the UFC confirmed yesterday.

**HOCKEY** The Maple Leafs' Ian White is leaving the IIHF World Hockey Championship. The

Canadian defenceman has a sore neck and will travel back to Toronto today to be examined by doctors as a precaution. White sat out Monday's game against Finland. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### SCOREBOARD

#### NHL

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Vancouver 3 Chicago 1

Detroit at Anaheim

##### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Washington at Pittsburgh

Boston at Carolina

#### NBA

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 99 Atlanta 72

Dallas at Denver

##### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Orlando at Boston

Houston at L.A. Lakers

#### MLB

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 10 Cleveland 6

Detroit 9 Minnesota 0

Tampa Bay 6 Baltimore 3

Texas 7 Seattle 2 (10 ins)

Boston 7 N.Y. Yankees 3

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City L.A. Angels at Oakland

#### YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Cincinnati 7 Florida 0

Milwaukee 8 Pittsburgh 5

N.Y. Mets 4 Atlanta 3

San Francisco 6 Chicago Cubs 2

Washington 10 Houston 10 (11 ins, susp., rain)

Philadelphia at St. Louis

Colorado at San Diego

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

## Balsillie bids on Coyotes, wants them in Ontario

NHL Research In Motion CEO Jim Balsillie wants to buy the financially ailing Phoenix Coyotes and bring them to Southern Ontario.

Balsillie says his \$212.5-million US offer is conditional on moving the Coyotes north of the border.

"The current team ownership asked that I table an offer to purchase the Coyotes and significant discussions resulted in an offer that is in the best interests of the franchise,

the NHL, and the great hockey fans of Canada and Southern Ontario," Balsillie said in a statement yesterday.

"I am excited to move closer to bringing an NHL franchise to what I believe is one of the best unserved hockey markets in



Balsillie

the world — Southern Ontario.

"A market with devoted hockey fans, a rich hockey history, a growing and diversified economy and a population of more than seven million people."

Balsillie is asking fans who want to see a seventh NHL franchise in Canada to make their voices heard. He's asking fans to log on to [www.makeitseven.ca](http://www.makeitseven.ca) to add their voices to his bid. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Man U moves on to Champs final

**SOCCER** Manchester United did yesterday what they failed to do at Old Trafford

leg. Instead, United came in protecting a slender 1-0 lead, but they did not let Arsenal

tiano Ronaldo scored two outstanding goals, one a solo effort from a 40-metre free kick and the second to complete a devastating, sweeping counter-attacking move which instantly became a con-

tender for

goal of the season.

REUTERS

last week, killing off Arsenal's dreams of European glory by converting their chances in an outstanding display.

Arsenal could have gone into the Champions League second leg three or four goals behind if the European champions had taken their opportunities before halftime in the first

dodge the noose a second time. Cris-



Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates one of his two goals against Arsenal yesterday.

## Remembering a friend that went too soon

My friend **Jeff Heatherington** died last week at the age of 32 after a more than two-year battle with brain cancer. I went to college with Jeff, worked at TSN with him, and after that, lived in a frat house with him.

There are many stories I could share about these experiences, absolutely none of which are appropriate for a newspaper. Like myself, Jeff wasn't a big name in sports media, but for two years he lived a dream

many of us aspire to — the chance to be a real sports-writer, which in this era of bean-counting can be akin to aspiring to be a real astronaut. In 2002, he somehow managed to convince the management of TSN's website to send him and friend

**Danny Celia** to Florida (all paid) for spring training.



Metro sports editor

While hopping from camp to camp doing stories (and going to bars), they came across **Jose Canseco** and his last-ditch attempt to stick with someone, the Montreal Expos.

Then-Yankee **Roger Clemens** was also quoted in this story, and in it he heaped praise upon his "trainer" at the time (who would turn out to be **Brian McNamee**) for shaping him and Canseco up.

We discovered this the other day when **Dave Carroll**, a co-worker from TSN, posted some of Jeff's old stories on [tsn.ca](http://tsn.ca) as a tribute. While it's not much of a sto-

ry now, we laughed that he was sitting on a major scoop. The funny part is, he was more nervous than anything talking to Canseco because he was a childhood fan of the **Bash Brothers**.

After losing his job in 2003, Jeff didn't complain, instead deciding to become a personal trainer.

He never complained about the brain tumour he was diagnosed with in 2006 either. Like he once said to me, he could handle the cancer, just not all the BS that went along with it.

And along the way, he taught me not to do as much of one of my favourite bad habits — complain.

To read some of Jeff's work, visit [metronews.ca/comment](http://metronews.ca/comment)





**Junior A Lions hire Spryfield native**

The Halifax Lions of the Maritime Junior A Hockey League have hired Spryfield native Troy Ryan as head coach and general manager. Tyler Naugler, who held those jobs last year, has moved into an upper management position. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Stransky not returning

Mooseheads star signs contract with team in Czech Republic

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## Talk about getting kicked while you're down.

The Halifax Mooseheads, coming off a last-place finish and one of the worst seasons in franchise history, are reeling after confirming yesterday the departure of sniper Jan Stransky.

The 19-year-old right-winger — Halifax's scoring leader the second half of last season — has signed a two-year contract with Plzen, his hometown team in the Czech Republic.

He arrived from the Gatineau Olympiques in a mid-season trade and had 15 goals among 31 points in 28 games.

"It's an offensive key to our team that we're losing, and that's something that we need," Mooseheads head coach and general manager Cam Russell said. "But at the same time, it gives us a chance to look (at) a younger Euro-

pean."

Russell confirmed the news yesterday afternoon through Stransky's billet family, who received the details from Stransky via email. But as of last night, Russell still hadn't had a chance to speak to Stransky's agent, Petr Svoboda.

Teams are permitted to have two European players. The other, Tomas Knotek, also a 19-year-old Czech and the Mooseheads' reigning most valuable player, is expected to return.

The Mooseheads traded their top pick in the Canadian Hockey League import draft — No. 1 overall, as it turned out. Although that stings now, Russell is looking for a young player to build around with his top pick at No. 28.

"We knew we were going to lose both (Stransky and Knotek after 2009-10), and we'd have to replace both at the same time, which would be difficult," Russell explained. "We'll take the opportunity to



Mooseheads star Jan Stransky has signed a contract with Plzen, his hometown team in the Czech Republic.

bring in a new guy, a younger guy."

Stransky's departure may also alter Halifax's strategy at the QMJHL draft. Russell initially wanted to focus on defence, but a scorer might pique his interest now.

"You've always got Plans A, B and C," Russell said. "We'll take that into consideration at the draft ... Who we're trying to bring in with the picks that we have. It also gives opportunities to some of our other guys to play on top lines."

# Loss of top pick leads to regrets

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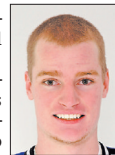


**TRADE** The unexpected departure of Jan Stransky has Cam Russell lamenting a trade made by his predecessor.

One of the last moves of former Halifax Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude made before he was fired in January was to trade his top pick in the Canadian Hockey League import draft — a pick that ended up being No. 1 overall.

"With Stransky gone, yeah, the No. 1 overall pick would look pretty darn good right now," said Russell.

Patenaude dealt the No. 1 pick to the Saint John Sea Dogs for defenceman



Pascal Amyot

**"The No. 1 overall pick would look pretty darn good right now."**

Cam Russell

Pascal Amyot and the No. 28 pick.

Why'd he do it? A couple of factors played into the decision.

First, Patenaude didn't anticipate Stransky leaving, since he requested a trade here. Second, he expected the Mooseheads to do better in the second half. Just four more wins would have dropped the pick to 13th overall. Third, he was enamoured of Amyot and desperately needed defensive help.

Post your thoughts on the Mooseheads on Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at:

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## Circle of Cube

Five hundred Canadians are battling for votes to win one of fifty all-new 2009 Nissan Cubes in the company's Hypercube campaign, which rewards social creativity. Visit [hypercube.ca](http://hypercube.ca) to check out the finalists' profiles. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## 4x4 road to success

### Suzuki Grand Vitara goes for modern looks

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada



**Sensing the market was changing drastically, Suzuki announced last fall it would add a four-cylinder model to its popular Grand Vitara, downsizing one of its most popular products at the right time.**

Suzuki is no stranger to four-bangers and four-wheel-drive beginning almost 40 years ago with the diminutive SJ410/SJ413. From these two humble vehicles sprang a myriad of off-spring sold by Suzuki and by General Motors.

And while the Grand Vitara name has been around for a while, the current generation combines welcome good looks with a proven drive train and proper 4WD, not all-wheel-drive.

To the original V6-powered Grand Vitara was added the new 2.4-litre with variable valve timing that produces 166 hp and 162 ft/lb of torque and can tow up to 3,000 lbs (1,360 kg). Suzuki claims that is

### 2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara JX

**Type:** Compact SUV  
**Price:** \$27,999 (no options as tested)  
**Engine:** 2.4-litre, inline four-cylinder (166 hp, 162 lb/ft)  
**Fuel Economy:** 2.4-litre automatic (as tested), 11.2/8.6L/100 km (25/33 mpg) city/highway

#### Highlights

- Proper 4WD drive
- Modern interior, exterior

double of any of its four-cylinder competitors. The 2.4-litre is fitted with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Tested here is what is expected to be the most popular/affordable version, the JX four-cylinder with automatic transmission starting at \$27,995. In the 2.4-litre versions, Grand Vitara starts with the base JA at \$25,995 and goes up to the JX with automatic and leather seating starting at \$29,995.

The JX as tested has stan-



Suzuki has added a four-cylinder version of its popular Grand Vitara for 2009. It boasts a towing capacity of 1,360 kg that is double that of its four-cylinder compact SUV competitors.

dard four-wheel vented disc brakes, automatic climate control, cruise, power windows/doors/locks and heated outside mirrors. Besides six airbags all Grand Vitaras come standard with ABS with electronic brake force distribution and Electronic Stability Control (ESP).

The styling of the Grand Vitara marks it as one of the first Suzukis in a long time to look contemporary. Previously, Suzuki SUVs were long on reliability (they still are) but they just didn't have the same eye appeal of

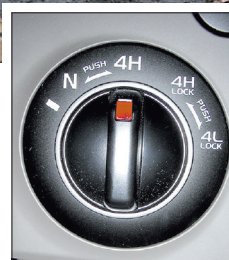
the competitors like Honda CRV and Hyundai Tucson. That has now been addressed with the 2009 model, but I notice it still retains its signature full spare with cover on the rear, swing-open gate.

The makeover of the interior stands out. Gone are the painfully hard, black plastics and the placement of controls that was almost haphazard. Second, there is finally more than enough front seat travel and, third, the rear seat is one of the longest cushions I can remember. No more numb

bum back there.

Grand Vitaras are equipped with a four-mode, dual-range four-wheel system with a centre-locking differential that is controlled by a rotary knob on the dashboard. In 4Hi, the torque is split 47/53, front/rear for normal driving. In heavier going, the differential can be locked in 4Hi-Lock and the torque split is 50/50.

Suzukis have always been known for their engineering be it cars, ATVs, outboards or motorcycles. They built stout and de-



The 2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara has a true four-wheel-drive system with modes easily selected by a rotary knob.

pendable products.

But now that Suzuki has married all that into really stylish offers, like the 2009 Grand Vitara, they look like they're on the 4X4 road to greater success.

## Safety nods for Ford Fusion models

**PICKS** The all-new 2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid have received a "Top Safety Pick" rating from the U.S.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

Ford is the only automotive brand to offer two hybrids that have segment-leading fuel efficiency, "Top Safety Pick" awards and exclusive safety technologies.

The Fusion Hybrid offers 41 mpg city while the Escape Hybrid is the most fuel-efficient SUV on the market and also garnered a "Top Safety Pick."

The new Fusion Hybrid's class-leading fuel economy bests the Toyota Camry hybrid by 8 mpg in the city. It



The all-new 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid.

also features Ford's innovative SmartGauge with EcoGuide, which coaches hybrid drivers to maximize

fuel efficiency.

Fusion gets some of their core strength from the use of lightweight high-strength

steel in the body structure. The structure of the Fusion helps it withstand intrusion in a side impact.

The tailor-welded B-pillars between the front and rear doorframes are stronger at the top of the vehicle (from below the beltline upward) than at the bottom. This helps to channel energy below the level of the occupants. At the torso level and above, the structure helps to prevent intrusion into the passenger compartment.

Among the segment-exclusive safety and driver aid technologies on the new Fusion are Blind Spot Information System (BLIS) with Cross Traffic Alert (CTA) and 911 Assist. FROM CARGUIDE



Car jurors hailed the Fiat 500's design at the New York auto show.

## Fiat 500 wins design award

**HONOUR** The Fiat 500 was declared the 2009 World Car Design of the Year at the recently concluded New York International Auto Show.

Cars eligible for the 2009 World Car Design of the Year award are taken from the list of 51 World Car candidates nominated by

59 World Car jurors from 25 countries throughout the world.

This is the second time that a Fiat design has been chosen one of the top three finalists. The Fiat Grande Punto was the initial top three finalist for the design title in 2007.

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**Driving schools going green**

More and more driving schools in Canada are going green and are now adding fuel-efficient driving techniques to their curriculum. A list of all driving schools registered with Natural Resources Canada is available at [vehicles.gc.ca](http://vehicles.gc.ca). **NEWS CANADA**

# 'Right-sized' Journey

**JIM ROBINSON**  
for Metro Canada



**If you can look past Chrysler's fiscal woes, the brand has some very good and successful vehicles in its model range.**

The Grand Caravan minivan and the Ram pickup have been on the list of top selling nameplates for several years now. The Chrysler 300 full-size sedan and, of course Jeep, are also favourites among Canadian consumers.

Last year, Dodge introduced the Journey which it described as the "right-sized" crossover and it was slotted in between the Caliber compact car and the Grand Caravan minivan.

To me Journey is a clever way of taking a minivan and making it look like a SUV so people get the utility of up to seven seats along with a more rugged trucky look so in vogue these days.

Based on a stretched Sebring platform, the Journey answers the question about what ever happened to the regular-size Chrysler minivans and fills a void in the Chrysler/Dodge lineup at the same time.

Essentially this is the vehicle that fits in where the short-wheel-base Caravan used to be and is still very much in demand by a lot of consumers who don't want a full-size minivan in the Odyssey/Veracruz class. Bigger than a Mazda5, it also offers a real utility advantage against the rise of Santa Fe/Equinox/Edge competition.

Journey comes standard with four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, Electronic Stability Control with integrated traction control, Electronic Brake Assist, Electronic Rollover Mitigation and Trailer Sway Control.

Also standard is four-wheel independent suspension, 40/60 split folding rear seat, power heated mirrors, power locks and windows and, believe it or not at this price, a glove-

box with chilled drink storage.

With all that equipment and a price point under twenty grand (\$19,495 for the SE), it's a bargain.

Both SE models are powered by a 2.4-litre, variable valve timing DOHC inline

four-cylinder producing 173 hp and 166 lb/ft of torque. It comes with a four-speed automatic transmission and is available only in front-wheel-drive (FWD).

On the highway, the R/T was light on the controls with the six-speed automat-

ic shifting up and down seamlessly.

Call it a minivan, a station wagon, a hatchback or whatever a "crossover" is these days, the Dodge Journey does fit Chrysler's mantra of being the "right-sized" family vehicle.



Dodge calls the 2009 Journey the "right-sized" crossover fitting in between the Caliber hatchback and the Grand Caravan minivan.



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## 2009 Dodge Journey R/T AWD

**Type:** Mid-size crossover van

**Price:** \$29,995 (as tested)

**Engine:** 3.5-litre V6 (235 hp, 232 lb/ft)

**Fuel Economy:** 3.5-litre AWD, 14.2L/100 km city, 8.9L/100 km highway

### Highlights

- Family van with good looks
- Affordable

7.2L/100KM - 39MPG HWY\*  
9.2L/100KM - 31MPG CITY\*

Vehicle shown with optional equipment. \*Based on unadjusted city fuel economy from EPA (10/08) and VCA (5/08). EPA-estimated 49 city/44 hwy mpg (5.8 city/6.4 hwy L/100km) 2009 Escape Hybrid with eCVT, front wheel drive. †Class is Small SUV. EPA-estimated 31 city/39 hwy mpg (9.2 city/7.2 hwy L/100km), 14 manual FWD. Canadian ratings based on Transport Canada approved test methods. Actual fuel consumption may vary based on road conditions, vehicle loading and driving habits.

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German automaker Audi will celebrate its 100th anniversary this summer in an event that will include historic race cars and the public debut of the Audi R15 TDI racing prototype. German chancellor Angela Merkel is expected to attend the celebration. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Loving the top-down time of year

AutoPilot

**Michael Goetz**

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It's been a long winter and a reluctant spring. But finally the sun is out and warm. The grass is riz. The trees are in bud.

And, I'm right where I want to be this time of year ... in the basement, slightly drowsy on allergy medication, watching the NHL playoffs.

And as soon they're over, or there is a lull in the action for a few days, I'll engage in another springtime passion — driving top down. (Just to clarify, I'm keeping my shirt on.)

It's tough to feel lousy when you're speeding through the countryside in the sunshine.

The experience also illuminates why our species became so enamoured with automobiles at the turn of the last century — we get that simple, primal rush of "being in motion."

Modern cars, and modern roadways, can disconnect us from this cool vibe, but the simple act of "dropping the top" can reconnect us to those heady days, when we first became the masters of our own mobility destinies, and sped off in all directions, just because we

could.

These days, I borrow convertible test cars, and they're all very cool, but my strongest and fondest drop-top experiences came during my twenties, behind the wheel of my well-used 1973 MGB. In those days I was prone to taking fast runs late at night, and I can still feel how the air felt cooler whenever the road dipped into a valley, and how the countryside smelled during haying season.

I also remember what it

smelled like when I happened to be trapped behind a garbage truck.

Convertibles let the sun in — good for your soul. But they also let the sun in — not good for pasty, white Canadian skin. I remember some long summer days in the MGB's saddle, an experience that made my face look like I'd been shaving with a blowtorch.

Convertibles also let the wind blow your hair — oh so groovy while you're driving, not so handy when you

need to arrive somewhere with manageable hair.

The age-old solution to mitigate sunstroke and hair issues while experiencing open-air moorings is to wear some sort of headgear. Some people do it elegantly, like Audrey Hepburn and her kerchief, in any movie she made in the 1950s and 1960s. Me? Not a kerchief guy. Or a hat guy.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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# Motor gifts for moms

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
for Metro Canada



**Some years after changing your diapers, packing your lunch for school and hauling you to hockey practice, your mom probably helped to teach you how to drive. If you've ever made fun of her driving, she'll likely remind you of it without hesitation.**

With Mother's Day right around the corner, why not consider scrapping the usual generic presents in place of something cool for her car? Whether new or old, your mother's ride could probably do with some accessorizing, cleaning or dressing up to make it more enjoyable. After all, doesn't she deserve it? Here are some ideas:

- Pick up some drive-thru car wash tickets from your local gas station to help Mom keep her ride clean. Most of these don't expire for several months, so she can keep them tucked in her sun visor for a while. They'll run you between about \$6 and \$9.

- Now that you've outgrown flinging Cheerios, crayons and fries around the cabin of Mom's car, wouldn't a good interior cleaning be appropriate? In addition to increasing enjoyment and looks, a spotless cockpit packs that extra sentimental value that comes with a hand-made gift.

Break out the vacuum, some vinyl cleaner, Windex and a few rags, and you'll have the interior looking factory-fresh in no time. Leave mom at the spa while giving her car a spa treatment for maximum effect.

- Of course, many Moms have the "clean and tidy" thing under control. If that's the case, why not consider buying yours a sense of direction! The market is packed full of navigation systems that can be fitted to any vehicle. Priced from under \$200 to more than \$600, you'll be able to find mom a system that's perfect for her needs and your budget. Most users find aftermarket navigation systems easy to learn and install, and many come with a memory to store common destinations on board.

- Is your mom an iPod fanatic? Is her car missing an input jack for the stereo? If so, musical mediocrity at the wheel can become a thing of the past. Even if Mom's ride doesn't have a CD player, she can still enjoy her MP3s on the go with a cassette player

adapter or FM transmitter.

- To keep Mom on the go in style, be sure to consider some dealer-installed accessories for her chariot. Even relatively minor and inexpensive visual upgrades like a bug-deflector, exhaust tips and chrome

grille accents can make a big punch in the looks department that she's sure to appreciate. If the budget allows, some upgraded rims and a spoiler will help dress up her rig even more.

Use this gift to compensate for any dents, scratches

or other damaged caused by your early years of driving.

Remember: your Mom's car is probably like a little home away from home. Give it some TLC, and you'll go up a few notches in her good books.



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**Ugandan students build 'Poor Man's Car'**

Ugandan university students have built a prototype of what they call "The Poor Man's Car" – fashioned from sheet metal, wood seats and diesel engine pulled from a corn mill, Wired.com reports. The car costs only \$4,500. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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**AMG, the high-performance brand within Mercedes-Benz Cars, is presenting the new E 63 AMG for 2009.**

This dynamic sports sedan with day-to-day suitability impresses with outstanding performance, thrilling handling characteristics and a technology transfer from the SL 63 AMG Roadster.

The new E 63 AMG distinguishes itself from the regular Mercedes-Benz E-Class models with a completely newly developed AMG Ride Control sports suspension with electronically controlled damping and a new front axle, and with its autonomous exterior and interior design.

At the same time Mercedes-AMG has achieved a reduction in fuel consumption by almost 12 per cent for the new E 63 AMG, thanks to the concerted use of fuel efficiency measures.

With its unique combination of pioneering driver assistance systems, the E 63 AMG further consolidates the brand's leading position in the field of automotive safety.

The AMG 6.3-litre V8 engine in the new E 63 AMG develops a power output figures for the SL 63 AMG. It produces 525 hp.

The high-performance Roadster has also donated its AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed sports transmission to the new model.

It dispenses with a conventional torque converter and uses a compact, wet start-up clutch.

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With strong winds sweeping some of Paris high points such as Montmartre — whose landmark, Sacre Coeur basilica, is shown here — the city's authorities are planning to build small wind turbines on some rooftops to harness the gusts. **REUTERS**

Sky-high plans

# Travel

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## Hands off my luggage

Sure, you can always tie a piece of yarn to the handle of your suitcase to prevent mixups at the luggage carousel. But these Not-Your-Bag Tags from My Tagalongs, mytagalongs.com, are so much more entertaining. With phrases like "Guess again," "Maybe not," "That's my stuff" and "Don't take me," your fellow passengers will certainly know they're to keep their grubby hands off of your bags. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## London's top shopping

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**Take advantage of the low price of the pound and on-going sales and get your credit card out for some shopping in London. Here is our guide to the city's best retail areas.**

### 1. Upper Street

**Tube stop:** Angel to Highbury & Islington

**Vibe:** More interesting than your average high street, Upper Street offers mainstream stores, hip independent boutiques and lots of gourmet cafés.

**The route:** Walk to the right out of Angel Tube to Camden Passage, where

you'll find a market selling vintage clothes and jewelry, as well as chic boutiques including Frost French and eco-friendly Equa. There's more designer womenswear back on Upper Street at Diverse, Whistles, Ghost and menswear at Sefton and Zee & Co. Oliver Bonas offers fashion, furniture and gifts at reasonable prices, and Twentytwentyone, Revellord and Atelier Abigail Ahern sell designer homeware. Try Space NK for hot beauty products from all over the world.

**Lunch stop:** A full English breakfast at The Breakfast Club on Camden Passage.

### 2. Oxford Street and



Left, a shop assistant at The Wonder Room, a concept boutique in department store Selfridges. Right, Brick Lane.

### Bond Street

**Tube stop:** Oxford Street to Green Park

**Vibe:** Europe's busiest shopping street is host to major brands' flagship shops and classic department stores. Its neighbour, Bond Street, offers designer brands from Mulberry to Alexander McQueen.

**The route:** Make your pilgrimage to Topshop at Oxford Circus, then turn into Regent's Street to find the Apple Store, historic department store Liberty and giant toyshop Hamleys.

Return to Oxford Street for department stores including John Lewis and Selfridges, which is celebrating its centenary this year, and look for budget fashion at H&M, Primark, New Look and River Island. On Bond Street, you'll find high-end jewelers and fashion stores including Miu Miu, Hermes, D&G, Prada and Chanel, as well as old-fashioned shopping arcades.

**Lunch stop:** By the time you've reached Piccadilly it will be time for afternoon tea. Graze on sandwiches, scones and cakes at the ele-

gant Wolseley restaurant, next to the Ritz.

### 3. Spitalfields and Brick Lane

**Tube stop:** Liverpool Street

**Vibe:** This area is home to retro markets, vintage clothing stores and bohemian cafés frequented by Hoxton hipsters in skinny jeans and coloured Ray-Bans.

**The route:** Come out of Liverpool Street Station and cross over to Spitalfields Market, spitalfields.co.uk. On weekdays there's an eclectic mix of shops to browse through and on weekends, stalls sell vintage sunglasses and lampshades, artwork from up-and-coming artists and fashions from art-school designers.

Continue onto Brick Lane, lined with curry restaurants and hip boutiques. Visit Luna & Curious for a mix of porcelain butterfly charms and '70s-style waistcoats; and Mimi Berry for East London's coolest pretty, squishy leather handbags with flirty names.

**Lunch stop:** Stop for a

brownie or superfood salad at healthy joint Leon in Spitalfields market square.

### 4. Notting Hill and Portobello Road

**Tube stop:** Notting Hill Gate

**Vibe:** Home to London's society fashion crowd — think Luella Bartley and Sienna Miller — Notting Hill is good for fashion new and old.

**The route:** Come out of Notting Hill Gate tube and head up Pembroke Road to hit Portobello Road, where the mythical market mile sells everything from antique lamps to 1950s straw hats.

Running alongside is Kensington Park Road, where Coco Ribbon sells luxury items oozing in femininity and British designer Paul Smith devotes a whole townhouse to his clothes and accessories.

**Lunch stop:** Try Ottolenghi on Ledbury Road for healthy deli snacks and flourless chocolate cake.

### 5. Knightsbridge and Kings Road

**Tube stop:** Knightsbridge

to Sloane Square **Vibe:** This area is the shopping mecca of the mega-rich, who cruise the lavish department stores and designer boutiques that are dedicated to their every need.

**The route:** You step into another world when you exit Knightsbridge tube and enter the gold and green doors of Harrods. It's a warren of sumptuous rooms dedicated to the finest and most expensive versions of everything — watches, jewelry, furniture, clothes, sportswear, shoes, and even pet fashions.

For more bling head down Sloane Street for YSL, Gucci, and Jimmy Choo, and nearer to Sloane Square, you'll find fragrance guru Jo Malone. On Sloane Square check out the charms at Links of London and the refreshing interiors at The White Company.

**Lunch stop:** Snack on a cheap, delicious Lebanese shawarma from Maroush II, maroush.com, on Beauchamp Place, or Ranoush on the King's Road.

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## Traffic jam

California ports are getting a lot of unscheduled cruise ship traffic these days, as operators divert their boats from Mexican ports due to the influenza A (H1N1), or swine flu, scare. Right, the Royal Caribbean ship Serenade of the Seas arrives in San Diego. REUTERS



# A bevy of budget-friendly destinations

## TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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These days, many travellers are shying away from spending money on elaborate trips. But travel doesn't have to be a luxury only the rich can afford — many destinations around the world offer incredibly good value. For the traveller who's big on adventure but short on cash, here are my top picks for countries that will give you more bang for your buck.

**Nicaragua:** The poorest but arguably one of the most beautiful countries in Latin America, Nicaragua boasts active volcanoes, pristine crater lakes, fair trade coffee farms and some of the best surfing in the region. The cost of living is very reasonable with chilled Tonia beers for the equivalent of \$1 each and tasty traditional meals (fried rice and red beans, deep fried cheese, corn tortillas and fresh salad) for about \$5.

Bigfoot Hostel, bigfoot nicaragua.com, a chill backpacker hangout in the quaint colonial town of

León, offers private rooms. Its easy-going vibe, free wireless Internet, indoor swimming pool and hordes of Swedish students make Bigfoot an attractive spot.

With great value and a strong tourist infrastructure, the country is huge in the backpacker scene and is quickly becoming the "new Costa Rica."

**Croatia:** Europe is typically very hard on the budget, but if you must go, Croatia is one of your best choices. It will not only wow you with its charming towns and Adriatic coastal beauty, it'll please your wallet.

The big save is on accommodations. When I was exploring the island of Hvar, I stayed in a pension (complete with private room, bathroom, full board and garden patio) for about \$50



The quaint, church-centric town of Leon is one of the many affordable destinations in Nicaragua.

a night. The Croatia National Tourism board's website, htz.hr, offers a list of small, family-run accommodations all over the country, from romantic Dubrovnik to the baroque-rich capital Zagreb.

**Bolivia:** From La Paz, travel

by bus to the Incan hotspot of Copacabana, a tourist gateway between the inspirational shores of Lake Titicaca and Peru's Cuzco. With inexpensive eats and affordable souvenirs, Copacabana has great deals for the budget traveller.

Stay at the Hotel Rosario

del Lago, the nicest accommodations in the city with beautiful views of the lake, for prices as low as \$50 a night; hotelrosario.com.

With the money you've saved, you'll be able to afford an adrenaline-soaked bicycle adventure down the "world's most dangerous

road." For the equivalent of \$100, Gravity Assisted Mountain Biking offers day trips speeding downhill along twisted roads; gravity bolivia.com.

**India:** For those who want to stretch out their travel dollars and live like royalty, India is a great place to do it. From the beach parties of Goa to the tea plantations of Darjeeling, and the yoga studios of Rishikesh to the camel treks of Rajasthan, India is a massive country that seemingly takes a lifetime to see.

One of the best and cheapest ways to get around is by overnight train. Not only do you save on a night's accommodation, you also get a chance to see the countryside and meet the people. In Delhi, indulge in some of the world's cheapest shopping and food. India isn't the easiest destination to navigate but it's one of the most rewarding.

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# Workology

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## Optional evolution

Under proposed legislation in Alberta, provincial schools would be required to notify parents in advance about subject matter dealing explicitly with evolution, sexuality, or sexual orientation, and parents would be given the authority to exclude their children from classes if such topics come up.

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# Cross-Canada rally for stray pets

## Paws and Claws

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
for Metro Canada

**As many Canadians hope for a sunny May, many more lost, abandoned or abused animals hope to find a loving home.**

This month the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) is teaming up with pet food producer Iams to raise awareness of pet adoption across Canada with the Iams Friends for Life campaign.

Steve Carroll, CEO of CFHS, says with more animals than ever in need of adoption, he hopes potential adopters will recognize both the value of compan-

ionship and the responsibilities inherent in adopting a pet.

"Friends for Life means that when we commit to bringing this loving being into our lives and they trust us, we have to return that trust for life," Carroll said.

More than 121 shelters across Canada are participating in the program with walk-a-thons, pet parenting clinics and free pet care kits given to each new adoptee by Iams.

Contrary to the stereotypical belief that animals at shelters tend to be unruly or unclean, Carroll says shelters are safe zones that provide exceptional care for loving pets who just need a good home.

"I think there are a lot of people who think of the animal shelter in their community as a place of last re-



Humane Societies across Canada and Iams have teamed up to raise awareness of adopting pets.

sort and that's just so far from the reality these days. These are not dumping grounds for animals — they are valuable community assets," he said.

Carroll says 48 per cent of animal shelters report May as the busiest month of the year for new animal arrivals, making this month a crucial time for raising

awareness about adoption.

For people thinking of bringing a furry little critter into their lives, Carroll hopes more people will consider adopting from a shelter because of the better animal care — and better price — a shelter offers.

Unlike at most pet stores or with a breeder, animals adopted from a shelter are already vaccinated, checked by a vet, spayed or neutered, temperament tested and even micro-chipped for identification purposes should they get lost in the future.

Given that the total costs for such services as well as the price of the animal can frequently run up to \$1,000 at a retail outlet, the \$350-\$450 dollars a shelter charges for a similar, fully treated animal lets would-be owners get a well-loved

**"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart."**

Steve Carroll

animal for a fraction of the cost.

"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart. It reminds us every day that we have to care, we have to love," Carroll said.

For more information, go to [cfhs.ca](http://cfhs.ca) or [iamsfriendsforlifemonth.ca](http://iamsfriendsforlifemonth.ca)

That's it for our Paws and Claws exclusive series. Metro would like to thank everyone who submitted pictures of their pets. To see the archived articles of the Paws and Claws, stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)



## Advertising Feature

### Road to Recovery Walkathon: Supporting Families as Partners in Mental Health Care



Organized by the Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia, this five-kilometre walkathon starts and finishes at St. Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington Street, Halifax. Registration begins at 12:00 noon with the walk starting at 1:00 pm. A post-walk reception kicks off at 4:00 pm.

Held during Mental Health Week, the Road to Recovery Walkathon will increase the public's awareness

of schizophrenia and psychosis and help reduce the stigma so often associated with these illnesses.

There are many myths and misconceptions about schizophrenia and psychosis. **The reality is that schizophrenia is not multiple personality disorder, and at least 1 out of every 25 people will experience psychosis at some point in their lifetime.** Treatment, and therefore

recovery, involves more than just medication; it includes access to safe and affordable housing, social supports, community-based services, family education, and recreational opportunities

By participating in the walkathon you will:

- Learn more about brain disorders
- Further your understanding of the importance of families as partners in mental health care
- Socialize with others who may have had similar experiences as you and appreciate the fact that **You are not Alone!**
- Become an active participant in galvanizing public support to influence essential adjustments to mental health services
- Improve the quality of life of all Nova Scotians
- Win prizes and have fun!

Over one hundred (100) walkers have registered so far; please join us in walking the streets of Halifax to proudly demonstrate that recovery is possible!

#### Registration is Free!

To register to participate in the Road to Recovery Walkathon, and to obtain a pledge sheet, please contact Ms. Donna Methot at 462-8658

or send an email to [hrmchapterssns@accesswave.ca](mailto:hrmchapterssns@accesswave.ca). Registration on the day of the event is also most welcome!

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## Rihanna cancels concert

Rihanna has cancelled her planned May 28 comeback concert in Dubai, which was set to be her first performance since her February incident with ex-boyfriend Chris Brown, according to the Sun. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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# Entertainment

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## Bright Lights and New Cities

Group seeks success outside of Quebec

BRIAN TOWIE  
Metro Canada

**Today Canada, tomorrow the world pretty much sums up The New Cities' ethos.**

The six dance-rockers from Montreal certainly have the backing to make a decent go of it. Their recently released disc *Lost In City Lights* is one of the latest in a tsunami of dance-rock acts currently out there — keyboards and guitars form the one-two punch over the dancehall rhythms.

But this group in particular attracted some credible help such as producer Greig Nori (Treble Charger, Sum 41) and Dave Ogilvie (David Bowie, Nine Inch Nails),

who both added a big-label polish to a sound that belies the grit and elbow grease of their first independent EP.

"At first we had a hard time trying to find the right balance between both because guitars and synths aren't easy to mix together," says keyboardist Nicolas Denis, adding *Lost In City Lights* had been in production since 2006. "The EP we released was a lot more indie — kind of like a first draft of what we wanted to do with the band. They (Nori and Ogilvie) brought this pop sensibility that we didn't have."

It's an ambitious agenda for the young sextet compared to their humble beginnings some three years ago, playing to Trois-Riv-

### New Cities live

• You can see The New Cities at the Pavilion on May 23.

ieres high-schoolers as four-man ska-punk outfit the Gamblers. The band was a kind of prototype for the future electro-pop vehicle. Exit the Specials, enter the Faint and Death From Above 1979 as sonic svenaligs.

"It was kind of a school for us," says Denis. "Our first everything — tour, gigs, and van were through that band. We wanted to keep it dancey but do something different, the kind of stuff we were into."

Denis admits the band



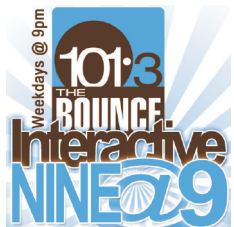
*Lost In City Lights* is the debut full-length album from Montreal's The New Cities.

had some misgivings about performing outside their native Quebec, saying that in the past, acts that would be a top draw there would hit an odd sort of Peter Principle in other provinces. Different days

now that Quebec acts gain international attention, and he'll be the first to acknowledge it.

"The mentality is really starting to change," Denis said. "When you start to play music in Quebec, es-

pecially if you sing in English, it just seems more like a dream than a possibility. But you have these role models, you see the people who make it and you begin to believe you can do that too."



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	67	67	67	RDI RDI en direct	RDI en direct	24 Heures en 60 minutes	Grands reportages (SC)	Cashing In	About a Girl	G-Spot	Cock'd Gunns	Starter Wife
	39	39	39	SHOW Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
	40	40	40	SLICE The Mom Show	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Insurrection ** (1998, Science Fiction)	Watchmen	Watchmen	Watchmen	Watchmen
	14	14	14	SPICE CSI: NY (HDTV)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Ult. Fighter	Ult. Fighter	Ult. Fighter	Ult. Fighter
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	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear	Mystery Diagnosis	Vanity Insanity	Ad Persuasion	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	34	34	34	TROP What Happen?	What Happen?	What Happen?	What Happen?	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
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	60	97	97	VIVA Mysterious Ways	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Style by Jory
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	251	251	251	WGN Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	90210 (HDTV)	90210 (HDTV)	90210 (HDTV)	90210 (HDTV)

### critics' corner

**Scrubs** Is there such a thing as a "cult smash"? Any hospital patient would be blessed to have the longevity of this hilarious sitcom, which ran seven years on NBC before being canceled, then another season here on ABC. Tonight marks its season finale on the Alphabet Net. Series finale, too? Maybe, but don't look for a flatline just yet. The docs at Sacred Heart have come back from the dead before! Zach Braff and Donald Faison star. 9 PM on ABC



**Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag** Betty Crocker is an American icon; you'd think Anna and Kristina would pick an American dish, not a British staple, for their test run of the "Betty Crocker Cookbook." But no; they're trying Betty's recipe for beer-battered fish and chips and giving a British pub owner the honor of taste-testing it. First, though, they have to find the right beer, which involves its own taste test. 9 PM on W

**Driven by Vision** This series about ordinary people and their extraordinary creations — from roadside shrines to works of art and architecture made from trash — concludes with a visit to The Orange Show, a mini-theme park built in tribute to the favorite fruit of its creator, Houston postal worker Jeff McKissack. 11 PM on V





Sarah Silverman's fake hookup with Matt Damon is still paying off. The comedian's hit viral music video, I'm F—ing Matt Damon, which won her an Emmy in September, has now netted her a best actress Webby award. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Spears' boyfriend to get wrist slap?

**JAIL TIME** He's out of the hospital, but Casey Aldridge must now deal with the legal implications of his recent truck crash, people.com reports.

Aldridge — better known as Jamie Lynn Spears' boyfriend and the father of their 10-month-old daughter Maddie — was charged with care-



less operation of a motor vehicle after he drove off a road into a ditch and

flipped his F-250 pickup truck on April 26.

According to Louisiana criminal attorney Lester Gauthier, who is not involved with the case, the 20-year-old will face a fine of no more than \$175 US and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

"A typical sentence might be the fine plus court costs," says Gauthier. "He may not have a prison sentence. If he is given a

prison sentence, it likely will be suspended." The suspension, he explains, would not be enforced if conditions — such as a driving course — are complied with and he does not get into further trouble during the probation.

"(Aldridge's) license would probably not be suspended," adds Gauthier, and the teen may not even need to appear in court.

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## Katy's cat wants 'Kitty Purry' flu

**FLU FASHION** Only Katy Perry could find just the right bling for a global pandemic, people.com reports.

"Since swine flu is super trendy I wanted to make sure I was in style with my swine flu ring" the singer writes on her blog. "I got this one in Miami at Big Drop the other day ... a fly-ing piggy."

And if that's not silly enough, Perry relates a conversation about the swine flu she had with her cat (yes, her cat), whom she's named Kitty Purry.

"Kitty Purry was telling me the other night that she remembers when bird flu was in and now pig flu is cool and she wonders when kitty flu is gonna hit," writes Perry, "as she would like to be more popular than she currently already is. Fame whore."

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# No marriage regrets: Jessica

**NO REGRETS** Jessica Simpson doesn't regret marrying Nick Lachey, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who divorced Nick in 2005, after three years of marriage — is glad she was married, even though she hasn't spoken to her former husband "in years."

The 28-year-old singer also defended her decision to star in MTV reality show Newlyweds, insisting the show didn't destroy her marriage.

She said: "The show made me understand what

marriage is, what love is, what commitment is. In all honesty, I believe it did not affect our marriage. Because we enjoyed watching those episodes, and that will always be a time I cherish."

Simpson — who was just 22 years old when she walked down the aisle — re-

vealed she has been desperate to find a husband since she was a teenager.

She added to Vanity Fair magazine: "It was what we all wanted. Go to college, get married, and have babies. It was my way of thinking."

At 16, every boyfriend I had I was going to marry."

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# Jen's '80s fashion faux pas

**BAD TASTE** Jennifer Aniston used to wear a policeman's hat while partying, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who is often voted the world's most stylish woman — admitted she made many fashion faux pas during the '80s when she regularly visited New York's all-night clubs.

She said: "I did have that peri-

od." Aniston went on to describe her favourite outfit, which consisted of ripped tights, boots, a police hat and "maybe a bra."

The 40-year-old actress — who also confessed to dancing on the clubs' podiums — added to talk show host Jimmy Fallon: "No one should have let us

go outside like that."

Although her days of wild parties and fashion mistakes are over, Aniston recently admitted to worrying about something else — grey hairs.

The 40-year-old actress said: "I found a really long grey hair and it kind of flipped me out. It's not my first but it's the fact that it was so long. I was like, 'Oh that's been there. How many others are there, and what does that mean?' It actually brought me to tears slightly."

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# Kate to pen first book

**JUICY DETAILS** Kate Moss is writing an autobiography, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

British businessman Richard Branson has revealed Virgin Books, in which he owns a 10 per cent stake, has agreed to publish the 35-year-old supermodel's first book.

Branson refused to confirm the tome's release date, but said it would be a no-holds-barred account of Moss' life and would contain anecdotes

about her celebrity friends. He said: "It's going to make an exciting read."

The catwalk star will reportedly receive nearly \$2 million to pen the book, which Branson is convinced will become an instant bestseller.

The tome is expected to reveal intimate details about Moss' drug abuse, her breakup from Babyshambles rocker Pete Doherty and the recent allegations that she cheated on current boyfriend Jamie

Hince with Eve Berlin from American band Living Things last year.

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# Hoff wasn't that drunk

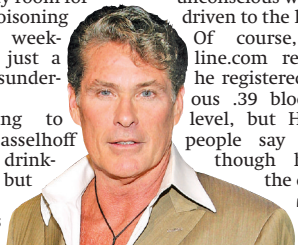
**DRINKING** It turns out David Hasselhoff's trip to the emergency room for alcohol poisoning over the weekend was just a big misunderstanding.

According to TMZ, Hasselhoff had been drinking, but nowhere near as

much as the original story suggested, and he was not unconscious when he was driven to the hospital.

Of course, radaronline.com reports that he registered a dangerous .39 blood alcohol level, but Hasselhoff's people say he's fine, though he regrets the drinking.

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# Eminem's drug battle

**ADDICTION** Eminem opens up about his struggle with prescription drugs to Vibe magazine.

"It's no secret I had a drug problem," he says. "If I was to give you a number of Vicodin I would actually take in a day? Anywhere between 10 to 20. Valium, Ambien, the numbers got so high I don't even know what I was taking."

The rapper even admits that at one point he was getting methadone from his doctors, in amounts "equivalent to shooting up four bags of heroin."



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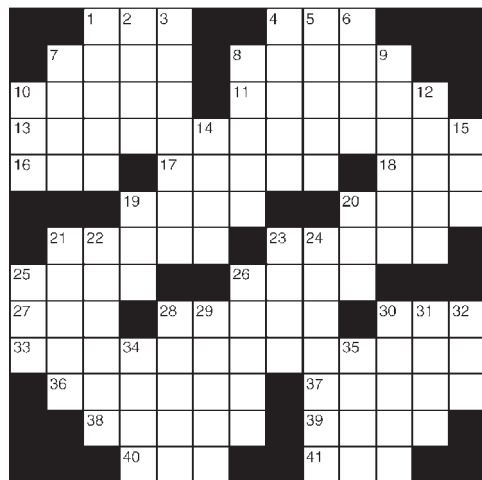


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### Crossword across

- 1 That woman
- 4 Gasoline stat
- 7 He gave us a lift
- 8 Hideaways
- 10 Sedative, for short
- 11 Recently
- 13 1967 suspense movie
- 16 Antiquated
- 17 Tittles
- 18 Fourth letter
- 19 Jason's carrier
- 20 Elite alternative
- 21 Cash storage structures
- 23 Gold measure
- 25 Calendar abbr.
- 26 Staffer
- 27 As well
- 28 Green sauce
- 30 Feathery accessory
- 33 Star of 13-Across
- 36 Pakistan city
- 37 Ballroom favourite
- 38 Red Square figure
- 39 Vortex
- 40 Sailor's assent
- 41 P.I.

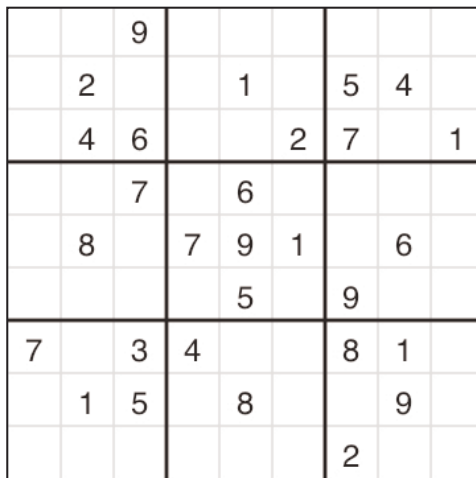
### Crossword down

- 1 Composed
- 2 Intimate
- 3 Knighthood candidate
- 4 Mario Puzo subject
- 5 Prescriptions, often
- 6 Alumnus
- 7 Kind of history or hygiene
- 8 Gambling game
- 9 Ancient arenas
- 10 Pair
- 12 Not slouching
- 14 Eggy quaffs
- 15 Mauna —
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Opposite of post-
- 21 Asian city
- 22 Footless
- 23 Charlie Brown's nemesis?
- 24 Took as one's own
- 25 RR stop
- 26 Wan
- 28 Indiana's state flower
- 29 High nest (Var.)
- 30 Type of pan
- 31 Unrestrained revelry
- 32 Year in Acapulco
- 34 Comical Caroline
- 35 Commanded

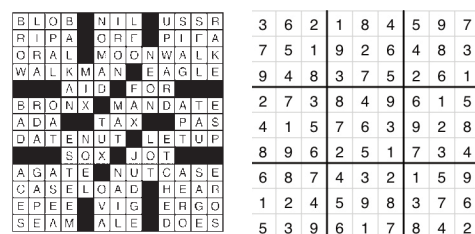
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min.....Smart
Under 13 min.....Genius	21-25 min.....Not bad
13-17 min.....Scholar	25+ min.....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Chicken and Mushroom Pie

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 3 1/4 cups (800 ml) button mushrooms, halved
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) cream cheese
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) 1% milk
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot English or Dijon mustard
- 3 1/3 cups (825 ml) diced cooked chicken
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 sheet pre-made puff pastry

#### METHOD:

1. Put baking tray in oven and preheat to 400 F (200 C).
2. Melt butter in large frying pan over moderately low heat. Add mushrooms and gently cook, stirring occasionally until tender, 4-5 minutes.
3. Put cream cheese in large bowl and lightly beat until softened.
4. Reserve 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) milk; pour rest into bowl with cream cheese along with mustard. Stir into thick sauce.
5. Add chicken, chives and mushrooms with juices to creamy sauce. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then spoon mixture into 4-cup pie dish. Place pie funnel or upturned ovenproof china egg cup, in middle of filling to support pastry lid.
6. Roll out pastry on lightly floured surface until about 2 in. (5 cm) larger all around than pie dish. Cut off 1 1/4-in. (3-cm) strip around the edge of pastry sheet, then press this strip onto rim of pie dish. Lightly brush with water, then lay pastry lid on top, pressing edges together to seal.
7. Trim excess pastry, pinch to seal, then flake the edges: Hold sharp knife horizontally to side of pastry edge and make shallow cuts all around. Re-roll pastry trimmings and cut out leaf shapes to decorate and stick onto the pastry lid with a little reserved milk. Glaze all over with remaining milk and cut two slits in top for steam.
8. Place pie dish on hot baking tray and bake 25-30 minutes, or until pastry is nicely puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving, sprinkled with pepper.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A crazy person brings a crisis to a head. A strong supporter breaks the rules. Indecision will cause some very bad dreams.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

A fashionable woman won't complain or explain. A persuasive person's achievements will be great. A hopeless situation affects your choices.

#### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

An impressive person shows you how to increase your income. Avoid signing any binding contracts. A girl makes annoying plans.

#### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

An innocent person is uncertain about life. Be specific about your needs when love is in the air. A snob helps someone who is just starting out.

#### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Stay away from a thrilling conflict. Don't move stuff around after dark. A troubled teenager needs to avoid conflict.

#### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You're surprised after justice is done. Speak the truth and challenge a lame excuse. Be kinder to the dreary people.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A creepy guy is involved in maniacal outbursts. A wiser man regrets hurtful actions. Secret desires will reveal insecurity.

#### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

A female takes more time than you expected. You have the energy to confront a problem. Expect a gift from a selfish friend.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A contented caller shares feelings and talks about day-dreams. Time passes very quickly. A captivating man has plenty of money.

#### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

An astounding player has lost a battle. You've come to terms with a problem. You'll be surprised by getting a bonus.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Stories about memory problems have lost their charm. A pompous colleague just won't go away. Don't speak until innocence is revealed.

#### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

You'll give someone a second opinion. Stay away from people who are in denial. A procrastinator isn't a loyal friend.

### WORDY GURDY®

1. Novelist Tolstoy's three-piece bands (2)
2. Conclusive evidence of a flub (1)
3. Jilt a putsy (1)
4. Laud Isaac, Helen or Gabby (1)
5. By catalogue buys edgings for rugs (2)
6. (With 7) Public condemnation of ...
7. ... intelligible articulation of speech (5)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE, and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

### This day in history

- MAY 6, 1527: Spanish and German troops sack Rome; some consider this the end of the Renaissance.
- MAY 6, 1536: King Henry VIII orders English language Bibles be placed in every church.
- MAY 6, 1682: Louis XIV of France moves his court to Versailles.
- MAY 6, 1889: The Eiffel Tower is officially opened to the public at the Universal Exposition in Paris.
- MAY 6, 1940: John Steinbeck is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel The Grapes of Wrath.
- MAY 6, 2008: The last episode of Scrubs is aired.

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